GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ATOMIC ENERGY
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INDIA SPECIFIC SAFEGUARDS TALKS WITH IAEA
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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) has agreed to accommodate India's concerns about continued supply of N-fuel for its atomic reactors,during the recent India specific safeguards talks;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the reaction of the IAEA thereto;

(c) the progress made so far towards concluding a safeguard agreement with International Atomic Energy Agency; and

(d) the time by which the proposed agreement is likely to be concluded?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE(SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN)

(a) to (c) In the five rounds of negotiations on India Specific Safeguards Agreement held so far, considerable progress has been made and India and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) have decided to continue to consult. The Agreement would be for application of IAEA safeguards to civil nuclear facilities notified by India on the basis of their receiving continued nuclear fuel supply for life time operation.

(d) It is not possible to prejudge the time frame at this stage.